

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

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GMO SAFETY CERTIFICATION FOR FOOD PRODUCTS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are planning to introduce a GMO safety certification scheme for all food products being imported into the country to ensure correct labelling and protection of consumer health;
- (b) if so, whether the Government are also considering to have a law where the Government would be able to easily stem the inflow of any food products without reneging on India's WTO customs tariff commitments;
- (c) whether any act is being considered in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details of the same; and
- (e) the time by which final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY ( SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (e) There is no proposal to introduce a GMO safety certification scheme for all products being imported in the country. Rule 11 of the Rules for the Manufacture, Use, Import, Export and Storage of Hazardous Microorganisms/Genetically Engineered Organisms or Cells 1989 notified under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 provides that food stuffs, ingredients in food stuffs and additives including processing aids containing or consisting of genetically engineered organisms or cells shall not be produced, sold, imported or used except with the approval of the Genetic Engineering Approval Committee.